

& make proper preparations for the Reception of those Troops
 which His Majesty has been graciously pleas'd to order over
 for the Protection of his American Subjects & his Dominions
 upon this Continent. You will not I hope entertain the least
 Doubt of my being indefatigable in my Endeavours to excite &
 rouse the People of this Province to the Performance of their
 Duty to His Majesty & themselves; & I beg leave to assure you
 that to the utmost of my power I will obey in every Article
 the Orders You were pleas'd to give me in Your Letter dated
 the 26th of Oct^r which I have just had the Satisfaction to receive
 if the Troops who have Order to be transported hither shall
 disembark in or have Occasion to march thro this Govern^t. I
 will take Care that they shall want neither Victuals or any
 Accommodations that this Country where the Inhabitants are
 dispersed & not resident together in Towns or Villages can afford.
 I should not do Captains Fitzhugh & Pope on half pay justice
 if I forgot or neglected to acquaint you that these Gentlemen
 the one from Virginia the other from the Lower part of this Province
 have offer'd their Service & propose to go on the Expedition. I
 yesterday received Advice from the Camp that 15 french Indians
 of different Tribes came thither lately in an amicable manner
 & at a Conference which was held with them made great
 professions of their & their respective Tribes being determin'd to
 remain entirely neuter & not to interfere in the Disputes which
 they observ'd subsisting between the French & us, but notwithstanding
 all their Assurances I cannot persuade myself to put any great
 Confidence in their promises or to entertain any very favourable
 Opinion of their Sincerity as I am inform'd that they came
 immediately from the French Fort. Governor Morris has just
 acquainted me that he has received Intelligence of the Arrival
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